

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF RICE UNIVERSITY

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Rice University's centennial.

One hundred years ago, in Houston, Texas, the Rice Institute opened its doors to 48 male and 29 female students. Since that time, it has grown to be one of the most respected universities in all of the world.

World history has been made on Rice's campus. As all Texans know, in September of 1962, President John F. Kennedy stood in Rice stadium and committed a Nation, founded by explorers, to the greatest exploration in human history—a Moon landing. Space City USA was born at Rice.

I am a proud alumnus of Rice University, class of 1985, Jones College. What gives Rice such a special place in my heart is an uncommon feeling—a feeling of family and home—that transcends my 4 years on campus. It's a feeling you can see in this picture of my son, Grant, and me on campus this year.

Happy centennial, Rice. I can't wait for the next 100 years. Go Owls!

MONTROSE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Montrose Search and Rescue team.

For over 65 years, Montrose Search and Rescue has been conducting lifesaving operations throughout the Angeles National Forest and the neighboring areas. These brave men and women have risked their own lives to rescue stranded hikers, victims of natural disasters, and anyone in need of assistance.

Two weeks ago, their heroism was on full display. The team spotted a little girl who was face down, drowning in a pool of running water in the forest. The 18-month-old girl was unconscious and had stopped breathing when they pulled her out of the water. Thanks to them, this little girl was brought back to life to the unimaginable relief and gratitude of her family.

That young girl, along with so many others, is alive today because of the heroic actions of the Montrose Search and Rescue team. They do all this for their community without asking anything in return, and their humbling dedication to service and their selfless desire to help those in need deserve our respect and gratitude.

So, today, I rise to say thank you, Montrose Search and Rescue, for the great work that you do and for the lives that you save through your efforts.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGNATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, many of the smartest minds in America work tirelessly every day to discover a cure for cancer. I am happy to say we will soon take another step towards the ultimate goal of winning the battle against cancer, and it will happen right in the Kansas City community as the University of Kansas Cancer Center will soon receive a National Cancer Institute designation by the National Institutes of Health.

This NCI designation at the KU Cancer Center will affirm that the highest quality of cancer research will be conducted at the University of Kansas and that this research will directly lead to improved cancer care and lifesaving treatments across the country.

Madam Speaker, nearly 1.7 million Americans this year will be diagnosed with the horrible disease of cancer. It touches all of our lives personally, and we must remain committed as a Nation to ultimately winning this war against cancer. That's why I am proud today to stand in support of the University of Kansas' efforts in this battle and to congratulate all involved for this important milestone.

REPEALING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to move beyond the attacks on health care for Americans and to move forward by getting our country back to work.

The majority thinks that it's a badge of honor to claim that it will have had 31 votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act. I completely disagree.

They will have voted 31 times to strip patients of basic protections. They will have voted 31 times to reverse the progress made by the Affordable Care Act, including protecting up to 17 million children who now have coverage even if they have preexisting conditions. In fact, the 31st vote that we will take is nothing more than a reaction to Chief Justice John Roberts' opinion that the law is constitutional. Yet the GOP continues to dispute this. Let's move on.

If they were serious, they would have presented us with a plan 31 votes ago to help us fix any flaws that this law may have. So I plead for the 31st time: let's get back to work.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE IS NOT THE ANSWER

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, the sad reality in our country today is that Americans are faced with skyrocketing health care costs. Rather than address the situation, Democrats passed a \$1 trillion health care takeover that costs too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much.

Americans don't deserve this.

Americans deserve commonsense ideas, like medical liability reform, encouraging health savings accounts, strengthening association health plans, and allowing people to purchase health insurance across State lines—commonsense ideas. These reforms would make health care more affordable and accessible without passing on crushing debt to future generations.

Unlike the current health care law, which has raised taxes, cost jobs, and limited personal control of health care, Americans deserve meaningful and affordable health care reform that will lower costs, protect consumers, and increase accessibility while allowing Americans to control their own health care decisions. This misguided takeover of the health care system is not the answer.

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(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I rise today to congratulate our hometown university, Rice University, for their 100-year celebration—a university known for advancing education in the arts, humanities, and sciences. It is a leading university, and it has been ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by the U.S. News & World Report every year since the rankings began in 1983.

As a former member of the House Science Committee, I am reminded of their great work in nanotechnology, space, cellular technology, bioinformation in energy and health, and their collaboration with the Johnson Space Center. I am also delighted that they have decided in years past to eliminate the bar against African American students and to open the opportunities of a grand education to Latinos and African Americans and to young people who have a last name such as Qadeer.

They have a bright light in Dr. Roland Smith, who has led the effort in diversifying their campus, and I was delighted to go and join them in honoring the Honorable Barbara Jordan, one of my predecessors in the 18th Congressional District. They, of course, have a group of astute athletes who have made them proud, and they represent the diversity of America.